

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of group 2, claims 1, 6, 8, and 9, in the reply filed on 10/6/09 is acknowledged.

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 10/6/09 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The species restriction was misunderstood. It requires an election of one species from EACH of Group 1 and Group 2. Specifically, one of either 1a or 1b must be elected and also one of either 2a, 2b or 2c must be elected. Also, note that claims 1, 4, 5, 7, and 10-14 are generic, as noted in the previous action. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A. Zarneke whose telephone number is (571)-272-1937. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30 AM-6 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kiesha Bryant can be reached on (571)-272-1844. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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